

**IN THE CLAIMS:****(Version with markings to show changes made)****claim 1:****A method for collecting vehicular related fees wherein:**

one or more passive I.D. code identifiers are placed on [and/or about] a vehicle, said identifiers corresponding to a series of unique characteristics associated with [the] a vehicle and one or more desired set of [characteristics and/or] data, wherein[,] each [I.D.] identifier may be identified for data retrieval [and/or], recording, [and/or] and storing when positioned in proximity to an I.D. reader[s(or code readers)], wherein said I.D. [(code)] readers may be aligned to track [and/or trace] a variety of information relative to the existence of one or [of] more identifiers wherein said I.D. [(code)] readers include the collection of desired data relative to the proximity of said identifiers to said [identifier] I.D. readers.

**claim 2:****A method [and system] for collecting road-use fees comprising:**

one or more passive signaling devices aligned to the vehicle so as to identify [the] a road-use fee for [such a] the vehicle, said signaling device to include a unique numeric or alpha numeric, or other unique identifying feature, or code, associated with [the] a registered owner of the vehicle, said passive signaling devices positioned in desired proximity to record and monitor road-use, [said] wherein monitors comprising a mechanism capable of recording [and/or] and documenting the existence, proximity, duration, [and/or] and other desired monitoring of events, from a desired position, the [system] method of which results in the monitoring and processing of the data.

claim 3:

A [system and] method for collecting vehicle fees wherein:

vehicles are aligned with passive readable identification means [(passive or active)] while said vehicles are moving or still;

wherein, a capturing means [are] ~~is~~ aligned to track and process [the] a unique I.D. means within a proximity [and/or] and condition desired to be monitored;

wherein, the collected information provides a mechanism to allow [the] a charging of vehicle related road-use fees as desired.

It is respectfully requested that the instant response and requests be fully considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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